

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering special incentive plan to develop food processing units in West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh specially for Banana, apple, mango, pine-apple etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA)

(a) & (b): Under the Plan Scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries financial assistance for establishment and expansion/modernization of food processing units is provided to public and private sector undertakings, non-Governmental organizations, cooperatives, human resource development and research and development institutions etc. Assistance is project specific rather than State centric. While the Ministry does not set up any food processing unit on its own, priority attention in the shape of higher quantum of assistance is given to units located in difficult areas as defined by the Planning Commission. Under the Ministry's Plan Schemes, in order to give a thrust to the processing of local horticultural, agricultural produce, food parks have been sanctioned to many States including West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh as per request from the State Government.